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TOPIC \_\_\_\_\_ Soviet Troops in Vienna, Hainburg, Baden, Moedling, Traiskirchen,  
St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern, south of St. Poelten  
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1. On 7 January 1953, no personnel or vehicular traffic was observed at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. Truck \_\_\_\_\_ the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, was seen at the parking lot opposite the installation. Two groups, each of 6 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced on two 76-mm ZIS-3 field guns, supervised by a major who also wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and supervised by an officer practiced on four 50-mm mortars and 24 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and supervised by an officer practiced on optical instruments. Groups of one instructor and 6 EM, totaling about 200 troops, were training. Five of these groups consisted of an unarmed instructor, 2 EM with submachine guns, 1 EM armed with a light machine gun with a funnel-shaped muzzle which he carried by a shoulder strap, and 3 EM with rifles. Fifteen troops shoveled snow in front of the garage on Alringer Strasse. The troops and a sentry observed there were red-bordered black epaulets.

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about 5 armored personnel carriers and about 25 motor vehicles. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ and ambulances \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in the garage on Fernerstorfer Strasse.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 5 January, the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 39) was guarded by a sentry who opened the door only after arriving soldiers had rung the bell. A field grade officer and a captain, both wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation. Two tank trucks and an ambulance were in the yard at the entrance. In another yard there were about 6 M-13 rocket launchers and 9 trucks. Truck \_\_\_\_\_ occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation.<sup>2</sup>

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3. On 7 January, jeeps \_\_\_\_\_ the first two occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the last two by personnel wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and sedans \_\_\_\_\_ all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and sedan \_\_\_\_\_ were seen near the buildings at Theater Platz and on Stalin Ring, Baden (O 49/X 37). Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ and sedan \_\_\_\_\_ all occupied by troops wearing red-

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bordered black epaulets were observed near the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos (O 43/X 36).

4. On 5 January, the following motor vehicles were seen at the former Bundesgewerbeschule (Federal Industrial School): jeeps [redacted]

[redacted] sedans [redacted] the latter capable of cross country travel and trucks [redacted]

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All vehicles mentioned were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; personnel on the latter truck wore tank insignia. Two senior lieutenants wearing black-bordered black epaulets and two women wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Hyrtl Orphanage. Seven armored scout cars and 6 trucks were seen in the garages, and 7 trucks [redacted] were seen in the yard of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse. Truck [redacted] was occupied by a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 9 January, 6 armored scout cars, 8 artillery pieces, about 25 motor vehicles and about 35 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen in the sheds of the former Federal Educational Establishment in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). Four groups of 10 EM each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, drilled on the street in front of the installation under the supervision of 4 technical sergeants. Two lieutenant colonels and 5 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia arrived aboard a streetcar from Baden and entered the building opposite the installation. Jeep [redacted] was occupied by two majors wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets respectively went to the drill ground, and came from the direction of the Bundeserziehungsanstalt. About 50 soldiers shoveled snow and did excavating work at the drill ground.

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6. On 8 January, 4 jeeps and 3 sedans [redacted] which was occupied by a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in front of the main entrance on Schiesstattring of the former county court in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Van-like truck [redacted] was being loaded with mail bags and parcels in front of the entrance on Andreas Hofer Strasse. Two soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets left the Eugen Kaserne. A radio truck with rod antenna was near the long-wire antenna in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles passing the barrier at this installation, which was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets, included trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] and tank truck [redacted] All vehicles were driven by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles which went from Camp Spratzern to St. Poelten stopped at the building on Werner Strasse which was connected with Camp Spratzern (O 49/W 88) by telephone lines.

7. On 8 January, motor vehicles seen at Camp Spratzern included: trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] jeep [redacted] and radio truck [redacted] All vehicles were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers of the same service color were shoveling snow in the camp. 4

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1. [ ] Comment. The various groups seen on the drill ground of the Trost Kaserne most probably belong to the 44th Gds Mecz Regt. The occupation of the garage on Alxinger Strasse with armored personnel carriers is reported for the first time. As far as they could be identified, the bulk of the motor vehicles in the garage on Pernerstorfer Strasse belongs to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. In mid-December 1952, the same source reported rocket launchers in the former Pioneer Kaserne in Hainburg. [ ] 25X1
3. [ ] Comment. As far as could be identified, most of the motor vehicle numbers observed in Baden and Moedling belong to the Central Group of Forces and the SCC. Jeep [ ] seen in Moedling probably belongs to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1

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